

A M E N D M E N T t o t h e C L A I M S

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified. Markings indicate any changes that have been made to claims being currently amended by this Amendment.

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41. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for receiving supplemental information, comprising the steps of:

- initiating a computer program;
- receiving program identification information and synchronization information related to a video program;
- processing the program identification information and the synchronization information;
- receiving from a server the supplemental information synchronized to the events and action of the video program; and
- displaying the supplemental information,

in which processing comprises:

transmitting the program identification information and the synchronization information to the server.

42 - 46. (CANCELED)

47. (NEW) The method of claim 41, in which the supplemental information comprises at least one of audio and visual information.
48. (NEW) The method of Claim 41, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code which is updated at predetermined intervals.
49. (NEW) The method of claim 48, in which the computer program is adapted to update the time-code at the predetermined intervals.
50. (NEW) The method of Claim 41, further comprising:
transmitting at least one request to interactively change the supplemental information based upon the video program; and
receiving changed supplemental information in accordance with the at least one request.
51. (NEW) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 41.
52. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
the computer readable medium of claim 51 in communication with the processor.
53. (NEW) A method comprising:
receiving a request for supplemental information related to a video program;
receiving synchronization information related to the video program;
determining the requested supplemental information;
synchronizing the requested supplemental information to the video program using the synchronization information; and
transmitting the requested supplemental information.
54. (NEW) The method of claim 53, in which the requested supplemental information comprises audio and visual information.

55. (NEW) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
determining program identification information prior to determining the requested supplemental information.
56. (NEW) The method of claim 53, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code which is updated at predetermined intervals.
57. (NEW) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
receiving additional requests to interactively change the requested supplemental information based upon the video program; and
changing the requested supplemental information in accordance with the additional requests.
58. (NEW) The method of claim 53, further comprising:
verifying that synchronization is maintained with the video program.
59. (NEW) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of claim 53.
60. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
the computer readable medium of claim 59 in communication with the processor.
61. (NEW) A method comprising:
displaying a video program on a display device, in which the video program includes an audio component, a visual component and synchronization information;
requesting supplemental information;
transmitting information corresponding to the synchronization information;
receiving the supplemental information synchronized to the video program; and
displaying the supplemental information.

62. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which the display device is integrated with a data processing apparatus.
63. (NEW) The method of claim 62, in which displaying the supplemental information comprises:
displaying the supplemental information via the data processing apparatus.
64. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which the supplemental information is received via a communication network.
65. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which the visual component of the video program contains the synchronization information.
66. (NEW) The method of claim 65, in which the synchronization information comprises a time-code that is changed at predetermined intervals and which is used to synchronize the supplemental information to the video program.
67. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which the video program is selected from the group consisting of:
a live television broadcast, and
a prerecorded television broadcast.
68. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which receiving the supplemental information comprises:
receiving the supplemental information from a computer readable medium.
69. (NEW) The method of claim 68, in which the computer readable medium is a CD-ROM.
70. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which the visual component of the video program contains program identification information related to the video program.

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71. (NEW) The method of claim 61, further comprising:
making additional requests to change, interactively, the requested supplemental information.
72. (NEW) The method of claim 61, further comprising:
initiating payment for the supplemental information.
73. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which initiating payment comprises:
providing payment using a credit card account.
74. (NEW) The method of claim 61, in which initiating payment comprises: providing
payment of a service statement.
75. (NEW) A computer readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor
to perform the method of claim 61.
76. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:
a processor; and
the computer readable medium of claim 75 in communication with the processor.
77. (NEW) A method comprising:
displaying a video program including an audio component, a visual component and
synchronization information;
initiating a computer program adapted to process a request for supplemental information
related to the action and events occurring within the video program;
requesting the supplemental information;
transmitting information corresponding to the synchronization information from the
video program;
receiving the supplemental information; and
displaying the requested supplemental information, synchronized to the video program in
accordance with the synchronization information.

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78. (NEW) The method of claim 77, in which the computer program is further adapted to transmit the request for the supplemental information via a computer network interface to a server, and in which the server transmits, in response, the requested supplemental information.

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Cancel* 79. (NEW) The method of claim 77, in which the computer program is further adapted to transmit program identification information and the synchronization information via a computer network interface.

80. (NEW) The method of claim 77, in which the computer program is further adapted to make additional requests to interactively change the supplemental information.
